

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 21 2004

OFFICIAL

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael D. Fishel

Serial No. 10/617,161

Filed: July 10, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOADING
AND UNLOADING MATERIAL FROM A
STORAGE MEDIUM

Examiner: Steven Douglas

Art Unit: 3751

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

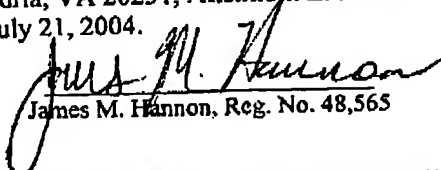
In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004, please enter the following amendments. Please reconsider the application in view of these amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the replacement claim set which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

[This area intentionally left blank]

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 20231, Attention: Examiner Douglas, Group Art Unit 3751, Facsimile No. 703-872-9306, on July 21, 2004.


James M. Hannon, Reg. No. 48,565